GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5498
ANSWERED ON:29.08.2001
CGHS DISPENSARIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 5714 dated April 25, 2001 and state:

(a) whether the requisite information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and measures being taken to redress the given as of patients; and

(d) the patients are still will being forced to accept Dalisprin/Acosprin for Ecosprin?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The information is given at Annexure -`A`.

(c) & (d) In view of (b) above, the questions do not arise.

ANNEXURE `A`

INFORMATION RELATING TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5714 FOR 25.4.2001 REGARDING CGHS DISPENSARIES

Question	Reply
(a) whether the Government have revised norms for issue of medicines under Local Purchase System from 30 days to 15 days in CGHS Dispensaries;	(a) No, Sir.
(b) if so, details and reasons therefor;	(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.
(c) whether it is also a fact that Heart, Asthmatic patients are forced to accept medicines of other brands even though these medicines have been prescribed by senior cardiologists of Government Hospital since it has better composition and more effective. The drugs are purchased of less reputed companies even though the prices of both reputed and non-reputed companies are same particularly in Dispensary No.63 resulting in lot of harassment and inconvenience to patients; and	(c) If a drug prescribed by the Specialist is available in the dispensary with its generic/any other brand name, then it is supplied to the patient. In case, the prescribed medicine is not available in the dispensary, then the same is procured from the authorised local chemist and supplied to the beneficiaries in all the dispensaries including CGHS dispensary No.63.

(d) if so, reasons therefor and steps taken by the Government to redress the grievances of patients and streamline the local purchase system?	(d) in view of (c) above, the question does not arise.